



# New Zealand Dexter Dispatch

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*Marking the beginning of Modern Dexters in New Zealand -  
Meadonpark Charles, bred by Alec and Anne Meades*

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*Front Cover: Shirley Spick with Spring Hill Donner  
See Page 14 for story.*

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the May Dispatch, incorporating the AGM booklet as we did last May. The second part of this dispatch, from page 24 is what we have called in the past the AGM Booklet. This includes council reports for the past year, financial reports for the year ending 31 March 2010, the AGM agenda, remits and the programme for the weekend 11 -13 June in Mosgiel. We have brief profiles of the people who have been nominated for council, complaints officers and President.



Take special note of the 6 nominations we have for five council positions as you are encouraged to participate in a postal election to select the five needed to complete the make up of council for the 2010/2011 year. A loose leaf insert accompanies this dispatch. This is your voting paper which you need to fill in and mail to Peter Lucking so he receives it before 8th June 2010. Follow the instructions on the voting paper and be in touch with me if there are any problems.

If you are planning to come to the AGM you need to register using the registration form that is stapled into the middle of this dispatch and send this to Phil Becker. If you are unable to attend the AGM but want your proxy vote noted then use the proxy form also stapled in the centre of this Dispatch.

If you want to enter the 2010 AGM Photo Competition then all the detail for that is on the last page of this dispatch and note the entries need to be with Marion Corbett by Tuesday 8 June 2010.

We have the last of the seasons show results and a couple of interesting 'people stories' that I am sure you will enjoy reading in this issue. Because of the limited space in this Dispatch we have held a few things over to the August issue which will include a full report and photos from the AGM. The speed with which this year is racing by, August will be here before we know it!! Happy Reading!!

*-Keith*

## WRATT'S WRAMBLINGS

The rain has finally arrived!!! Here in the Bay of Plenty we have just clocked up 100mls this week with more on the way and surprisingly we all feel just a bit better about the world. Well maybe not the world, but certainly about the winter ahead and the possibility of having some worthwhile grass growth before things turn cold. The grass growth department has certainly been lacking over recent weeks. Thoughts are especially with those of you in the far north as you have been probably the worst affected by this year's drought and will take the longest to get back to having sufficient grass for your stock. For most of us, our winter reserves have already been dipped into and we wonder how we will get through until September or whenever winter comes to an end where you are. For us here, we are about to start feeding kiwifruit and palm kernel to the stock as we have limited hay and silage.



The kiwifruit season is in full swing so there is plenty of reject fruit being chucked out – a disgusting amount is chucked out in fact with it all going to stock feed, by the truck and trailer load. Most of this reject fruit is misshapen, small size or has a mark or blemish on the skin – it still tastes just as nice as an export quality fruit, it may not just look quite as nice. The better orchardists have below 10% of their crop rejected at the pack house but some rejection rates go as high as 30%. In addition to this, up to another 25% of the crop is rejected in the orchard before the crop is even picked by just dropping it on the ground...so it is no wonder that there are a few orchardists around struggling to make a good dollar from their labour when between a quarter and half of the crop is of no value!!

No shortage of dollars though, for the refurbishment of the Governor General's Residence adjacent to the Basin Reserve in Wellington. \$44 million dollars is being spent there over the next couple of years to bring the rather expansive residence into the 21st Century. I thought the \$44 million figure must have been wrong so I double checked that and find it is indeed how much they are spending so it is not just your simple makeover, it must almost be a complete rebuild which I guess is important for us all to be part of and you along with me will be proud of the finished product I am sure!!

At what level in our society do we start thinking about waste and extravagance? For me as an orchardist (I actually grow kiwifruit) it troubles me at the volumes of fruit wasted in my industry – we have the ability to stand a man on the moon yet we can't develop a process to use this reject fruit further and we certainly can't be seen giving it away to people who can't afford to buy it because that will distort and ruin fruit sales throughout New Zealand!!! Sometimes I think we are crazy!!

Speaking of crazy...anyone who supports the Chiefs Super 14 rugby team must be crazy. I was in that category and I must confess to having lost quite a bit of interest over the last few weeks – you see the team started so well winning four of the first five matches and sitting for the first part of the competition near the top of the table but the wheels fell off big time, interest slipped to an all time low and the Chiefs just forgot how to win – no excuses are good enough, they just couldn't match it with the big boys this year, they didn't listen to my advice (see Page 3 of the last dispatch) and I am having to come to the AGM loaded with chocolate fish (also see Page 3 of the last dispatch).

Just remember that Spring always follows Winter and good grass growth isn't that far away!!

- Keith

**PLEASE NOTE! COLIN READ is now the  
SOCIETY'S HERD REGISTRAR**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It doesn't seem all that long since we were in New Plymouth for the last AGM but I want to encourage you to attend the 2010 AGM this year being held in Mosgiel near Dunedin. Marion Corbett and her team have put a lot of effort into organizing what promises to be a great weekend together with something of interest for all.

This is the first time we have held an AGM this far south and so my special encouragement is to those of you who live in the south to come along. We only have the AGM in the South Island every third year so the membership down that way needs to take this opportunity to come along, learn a bit more about the Dexter Society, make some contribution to the discussions about the future of the society, meet the Council who keep the society ticking and take the opportunity to also meet other members from around New Zealand.



So take the time to read the reports we have put together and think about the remits that will be discussed and voted on at the AGM. These are found in the second half of this dispatch which is the AGM Booklet so please bring it with you to the AGM as we will be referring to the different reports and remits at the meeting. Make sure you register by mailing the form in the middle of this dispatch and I look forward to meeting many of you in Mosgiel next month.

### COUNCIL ELECTIONS

For the first time in a number of years, we have more nominations for council than we have places available and so a postal election has to take place. Our regulations state that council must be a maximum of eight people. I will be on council as President. Colin Read and Phil Becker were elected at the 2009 AGM for a two-year term so they have one more year to run. Kath Aker also was elected at the 2009 AGM for a two-year term but has resigned from council due to health reasons. Our thanks and best wishes go to you Kath.

This leaves space for five more council members and we have had six nominations. Voting details and profiles of each of the six council nominations can be found on pages 45 and 46 of this dispatch. A separate voting paper has been inserted in this dispatch and you must fill it out and mail it to the returning officer so he receives it by **8 June 2010 at the latest**. *No late votes will be accepted*. The results will be presented at the AGM.

### 2010/2011 COUNCIL

The new council will meet for a short meeting after the AGM in Mosgiel but the next main face-to-face council meeting will be in July, so please contact me if there are issues you would like us to discuss or consider.

-Keith



## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



What an autumn – no rain, heaps of sunshine, no grass. Let's hope the rain comes soon and that the temperature stays high for another few weeks? I really feel sorry for the farmers/members in the drought areas, it must be so awful to see your land just dry up and then not be able to feed your stock. I have been fortunate enough to be in an area that hasn't been hit as bad but I am still feeling the pinch, feeding out early and praying for that wet stuff that we haven't seen for so long, to fall on our thirsty fields.

After having the Alpacas now for almost six months, we realised how stupid our sheep were and have got rid of them all. It wasn't worth the hassle of having them just for some home grown lamb, we only had 5 and I used to pull my hair out just trying to move them from one paddock to another (well three of them anyway – the other two would come for a slice of bread). So now I'm not going to go bald and find the Alpacas so much more biddable and friendly.

Membership renewals for the 2011 year will be sent out later in June. If you decide to pay by direct banking, make sure that you put your name and membership number in the payment details. Whichever way you decide to pay – PLEASE - make sure you do so before the 1st October, or else you will incur a \$10 penalty fee. So why not pay it when you receive the renewal notice, instead of putting it in the pile of things to do later???

**NEW MEMBERS:** A total of **15** members this time around and they are still steadily coming in and we now have a total of **428** financial members.

On behalf of the Dexter Society I would like to welcome these new members. If I can be of any help to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me and hopefully I will get to meet you sometime in the near future.

NO.	NAME	LOCATION	PREFIX
835	John & Lucille Hutchings	Gisborne	
836	Brian & Helen Wallace	Gisborne	
837	Gareth & Penny Copsey	Rotorua	GPC
838	Mstr Edward Swift	Pokeno	
839	Russell Newton & Trish Hobbs	Te Anau	
840	Kim White & Richard Warren	Christchurch	Eramosa
841	Sandra Hullett-Black	Rangiora	Tuawera
842	Helen & Nigel Saunders	Alexandra	Omeo
843	Geoff Revitt	Invercargill	Tisbury
844	Lane & Graham Read-Hayes	Waimauku	Wikau
845	Stephen Forsyth	Otaki	Kiwi Green
846	Erin Mills	Tuakau	Fat Tui Farm
847	Mark Ryan & Peta Baxter	Putaruru	Devenish
848	Sarah Gardiner & Craig Suckling	Reefton	Cloverdaledexter
849	Nicola & Alan Rothwell	Upper Hutt	

-Maureen Pettersson



## FROM THE COUNCIL

Council met last at Ardmore over the weekend of the 21st and 22nd March and had a busy couple of days. We reluctantly accepted Kath Akers resignation from council due to health reasons. Steve Ring picked up Kath's Area Group Portfolio until the AGM.

We attended to the normal business of minutes, correspondence, finance and following up previous decisions. We then looked at each portfolio area discussing what has been happening, any problems, changes or opportunities in the future. Some points we looked at and discussed that are worth noting:

- Maureen to be council travel coordinator. She books everyone's air travel to get the best deals and so we all arrive and leave about the same time for our face to face meetings.
- Phil walked us through the new website and we talked about future opportunities and changes.
- We will give out Special Awards from time to time to people who have made a significant contribution to the Dexter Breed and Society.
- In the new council we plan to create a Vice President Position to assist the president but also as on the job training for any new president.
- Need to confirm dates and times for the Australian Dexter Breeders tour to the upper North Island before we can plan further.
- We discussed the 2010 AGM in Mosgiel and helped Marion with her team's planning.
- Steve has ordered or is looking into Thermal Mugs, caps, beanies, key rings, bumper stickers, A3 stickers available as promotional items.
- Thoughts on how to spend the Society Promotional Dollar..
- The Herd Registrar is now using the term 'inactive' for those animals that are not currently active but who may come back into the herd book in the future and the term 'Deregistered' for animals permanently removed from the herd book.
- We had a Royal Show update and problems with Canterbury giving up hosting it. No Royal this coming year.
- The next North Island Dexter Breed Show to be held at Franklin on 19th February 2011 in association with their 120th show celebrations.

The new council will have a brief meeting following the AGM in Mosgiel but our next Face to Face meeting is planned at Ardmore over the weekend of 24th and 25th July.

*If you have any issues that concern you or matters you wish council to discuss don't hesitate to contact any of us on council.*

*-Keith*



## ORGANIC OFFERINGS

Last winter, I decided it would be a good time to cut down some Kanuka for firewood in preparation for this coming year and so proceeded to fell a reasonably large area and stacked the wood to dry out. Returning the other week, I ventured back into the forest to collect said firewood before winter arrives and Jack Frost starts nibbling at my toes and other extremities!! But, goodness gracious me (and other choice words), the whole area is now covered with Blackberry and my neatly stacked firewood is encapsulated like a sleeping princess in a fairy tale. All very grim or should that be Grimm?



So how best to get rid of this problem short of using a chemical concoction that would make Agent Orange look like a light spray with Round-Up. For the organic farmer there is, I am afraid, no easy way.

By clearing the trees I let light in, which allowed photo synthesis to start and hey presto the dormant Blackberry took off. So firstly we should attack the pernicious plant with our trusty brush cutter and hack back the leaves thereby removing the means of the plant to photo-synthesize. If this is done before the full moon then the plant misses out on both the light from the sun and the moon. A double whammy. We can also spray the leaves with liquid lime, this again helps reduce the photo-synthesis and the calcium softens the leaves and thorns making them more palatable to stock. If you own a tractor with an attachment that will penetrate the ground, drive over the area. This will disturb the roots which is something that Blackberry hates and the amount that you have will reduce each year.

If the above methods are coupled with creating a better balance in the soil then the Blackberry problem will slowly disappear and like all the best stories we can all live happily ever after!!

*-Steve Ring*

### Dial-A-Dexter

**The Dial-A-Dexter service is available for all those who want to  
buy or sell Dexters or have Bulls for lease & service**

*Contact Karen Managh, phone/fax 07-849 5591*

***Dial a Dexter : [tag@ihug.co.nz](mailto:tag@ihug.co.nz)***

**CHECK IT OUT!!**



## RESPONSE TO REMIT 4

*The remits submitted for the AGM were printed in the February Dispatch and comment and feedback was invited. The following was received in response to remit 4.*

I am submitting the following comments in response to Remit 4. My response comes from both the breeder and judging perspective. I have tried to provide facts and ask questions rather than lecture or present personal opinion.

### **Remit 4 States:**

*That the height of each dexter should be noted and displayed before going into the judging ring and that the judge knows the breed standard with regards height.*

This remit has two distinct parts - one applies to exhibitors, the other to judges. At the AGM, this may create difficulty if one part is supported and not the other. The remit amendment process can be confusing.

Will this Remit become an enforceable DCSNZ rule if passed? If so, how can it be enforced? Who is going to monitor it? What will the penalty be for non-compliance?

Dexter classes at A&P shows exist due to the goodwill of Show organizations. The Show Committee invites Judges, so DCSNZ is not in a position to dictate that invitations be limited to judges who "know our breed height standard". Breeders can make nominations and Show Committees try to appoint those judges, but it is ultimately a Show Committee decision - not ours. If we fail to make nominations and leave it up to the Show Committee to find someone, how do we diplomatically determine what that judge knows and overcome any perceived shortcoming without causing ill feeling?

What should happen at shows where there are composite classes of "lifestyle beef breeds", "small beef breeds" or "All Other Beef Breeds" in place of Dexter classes?

Our breed height standard should only apply to adults. Given that most cattle reach their mature height at about three years, any measured height prior to that can only be an indication.

The Royal Agricultural Society has adopted 1 June as a universal birth date for cattle. For show purposes, all calves born at any time during the preceding 12 months, automatically become yearlings on 1st June regardless of whether they are 11 months old or one month old. With juvenile cattle, height alone without a birth date has little meaning. In the absence of reliable statistics, it is guesswork to estimate the adult height of younger cattle.

The rationale of the remit suggests displaying height where animals are tethered. This will not assist judges, as it is common practice for the judge to wait until judging has finished before visiting that area to socialize with competitors. Stickers on the rump are a possibility provided they do not curl up and fall off in hot weather or blow away.

The Remit does not specify whether an exhibitor is required to display a "measured" height or an "estimated" height. The fairest method would be an independent "official" measurement to eliminate accusations of cheating the system. Perhaps animals over three years could have an official height certificate.







# MAINLAND GROUP NEWS

The Mainland Group has two meetings we need to report on since the last dispatch.



Firstly, we had a Field Day in Wakanui (Ashburton) on the 13th February at the home of Jackie Wright, Russell Ellis and their two boys Cameron and David. Cameron recently had a project printed in the Dexter Dispatch about Molly.

Twelve people met at 11am on a very hot day. We visited the Dexters and discussed the grading up process Jackie has used to get to a herd of good looking animals, quite even in size (there are a couple of short legged animals) and all are black. All the breeding cows had calves at foot which were just a few weeks old. Mostly bulls this season, which makes Jackie's decision on what to keep just a little easier.

We had lunch in the shade as it was too hot on the deck, then a meeting/discussion time.

Discussion centered on A1 A2 milk, rearing and keeping bulls for the dairy farmers and small yard designs. Interest was expressed in investigating the possibility of gaining a permanent market for a few weaned bulls each year which could be run on and sold at about 15 months of age. This is to be investigated and then gauge interest from members who may like to have their little bulls sold this way.

Thank you to the Wright/Ellis family for having us at your place and especially Jackie who gave us lots of information on her cattle and all with a good dose of humour.

Our second meeting was on the 27th March when the Mainland Group had a Field Day in Upper Moutere (west of Nelson) at the home of Rob and Elaine Partridge. 28 people put their names on the attendance list- so I am going by that and we were very pleased with the turn out.

Other than Dexter breeders from the Nelson area (including Golden Bay) there were two from the Blenheim region, two from the West Coast and three from Canterbury.



We met at 11am and had a welcoming drink and snack while we waited for the Meat Solutions speaker to arrive. This was most interesting as "Meat Solutions" has a Home Kill company as well as a butchery outlet. There was discussion on the laws pertaining to home kill and the lack of commercial killing facilities in the Nelson area. All cattle have to be sent to Canterbury or Wellington for slaughter if home kill was not a suitable option. It was generally agreed that this adds huge stress on the animals and



home kill certainly is the answer for small numbers. Many questions were asked and though many are already using home kill – it was new to some.

Owen Drummond talked on his farming practices- including rearing bulls for the dairy industry. Owen and Shirley invited members to their property near Motueka at the completion of this day and some were able to take up this opportunity.

Further discussion topics included the demonstration of the tissue sample kit used for DNA etc., the necessity of inserting yellow tags in ears as soon as possible and brass tags as soon as calf registered. Several members reported buying in cattle and the brass tags arriving in an envelope! This is often done by breeders who have been in cattle for some time and do know better. Long and short legs were touched upon as well as the upcoming remits to the AGM.

As always – there is never enough time to talk about everything. We shared a delicious lunch and then moved down the hill to view the cattle. Three colors present – ranging from Grade 1 to purebred. They did not want to be near us when we first went forward to the electric tape, but after a bit of problem solving we were able to view them closely and look at the older and bigger grade cows and compare the purebred cows/heifers and dun bull running with them. Plenty of feed available to them and they were in really good condition. It is quite hilly, so this terrain keeps them fit.

A special thank you to Elaine and Rob for having us at your place and being such wonderful hosts. It truly was an enjoyable day as we met new people and renewed friendships.

A reminder to those of you living in the Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast or Canterbury regions - If you are not presently receiving email contact from me and you do have email- please contact me so as I can put you on the mailing list. My contact is printed on page in this Dispatch. If you will not be going to Dunedin to the AGM and wish to vote on remits – please give your proxy to someone who will be there. This is when you can have a say about what the Society does or doesn't do. I will be at the AGM and am happy to take your vote and cast it as you instruct.

*-Marion Mangnall*

***REGISTER NOW!***  
**2010 DEXTER CONFERENCE & AGM**  
**12-13 JUNE 2010 at Mosgiel**

***The AGM will be held in St Mary's Hall  
just across the road from the Regency Motel***



# WELLINGTON & STH WAIARARAPA NEWS

Despite the short warning for this meeting there were still 10 of us at the Dexter Day which was held at Gwen & Vince McBride's farm in Featherston on Saturday 8th May. We were all very pleased to see and welcome one of our latest new members Nicola & Alan Rothwell attend coming from Upper Hutt along with their 2 boys. Also thanks to Brenda Batchelar and Janice and Bob Viles for making the long trip to join us. The day was chilly and a bit windy but at least it didn't rain.



For those of you who wanted to come along you missed a really good meeting but thank you for letting me know that you couldn't make it. I will try and give heaps more warning for the next one.

Our guest speaker Dr John Rendel is a specialist in genetics and boy did he blow us away with his summary on some topics, which we have in our Dexter breed. These were - Colour, Chrono, Temperament, Polled/Horned and the

last one because of one of the remits for this years AGM was Grade % for our Dexters. The results that were put before us were not what we expected and made us all think again about what we were doing with our breeding programmes.

The following is what Dr John Rendel worked out on the white board:

**G4 bull = 93.75% (as long as the sires in this bulls pedigree are a minimum of G5)**

93.75% Base Cow divided  $\times 2 = 47\% = G1$  cow

93.75% G1 Cow divided  $\times 2 = 72\% = G2$  cow

93.75% G2 Cow divided  $\times 2 = 82\% = G3$  cow

93.75% G3 Cow divided  $\times 2 = 88\% = G4$  cow or bull - the Grade the remit wants to bring back in

93.75% G4 Cow divided  $\times 2 = 91\% = G5$  cow or bull - the current Grading

93.75% G5 Cow divided  $\times 2 = 92\% = G6$  cow or bull

93.75% G6 Cow divided  $\times 2 = 93\% = G6$  cow or bull

**(If this G4 bull also had a G4 sire of 88% its purity would be even lower = 82%)**



Also on the Agenda was the discussion on this years remits for the AGM, what we would like from and how we can improve The Dexter Cattle Society.

There were some interesting topics brought up here, which will be passed on. Brenda Batchelar showed us some very interesting and strong but light looking halters - thanks Brenda. We had a great shared yummy, lunch, thanks to



you all; it tasted great - because I forgot to bring mine but did bring some biscuits for morning tea.

We finished the meeting after looking over Gwen & Vince's herd, two of which had not long arrived from the South Island. It was good to see Stalybrook Donal again as I hadn't seen him since I sold him to Gwen and Vince a couple of years ago - he's a lovely looking red bull with heaps of maturing still to do and he was the perfect gentleman whilst we were looking at his girls.

We are hoping to hold another Dexter Day in October and this time it will be on the Wellington side of the Rimutaka hill and following one back in the Wairarapa. Gwen has kindly offered to help me in the future and hopefully we will run the area between us, giving the members a greater opportunity of getting involved with the Society. If you would like to open up your home and would like to hold a meeting at your place - just let me know.

The next date will be advertised in the August Dispatch - so keep your eyes open!!

-Maureen Pettersson

## ***DOES ANYONE GRAZE THEIR DEXTERS ON KIKUYU GRASS? DO YOU HAVE DAIRY DEXTERS?***

If yes to either of the above, would you be willing to show Liz around your farm?

Please read below to find out more about Liz, who lives on Waiheke Island and who wants to raise her own herd of Dexters for milk.

*I'm very keen to stay on a farm in the north possibly for a few days, that raises dairy Dexters on kikuyu grass. I'll work hard at whatever else (apart from helping with the cows etc), can cook, garden etc. anytime from mid Feb. onwards. Keen to see calving, feeding calves, pasture management etc. A farm that uses organic principles would be the ideal but any would do fine.*

**PLEASE CONTACT LIZ**  
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## A SURPRISE ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 2!

If you happen to be driving along State Highway 2 between Tauranga and Whakatane during the summer, take note as you pass through a small settlement called Pongakawa. There is not much there on the main road. A few houses, a BP Petrol Station, a workshop, three contractors depots, a firewood yard, a derelict shop and.....you guessed it - a lady sitting on an old plastic chair out in the paddock brushing her Dexters. This is true - see photo on the front cover.

The Lady's name is Shirley Spick - the 'Queen of Dexters'!! She owns the Willow Haze Dexter Stud and she is a pleasure to know. Why Willow Haze? Well, as you drive into her place, willow trees line her driveway and looking out on them from her house it just looks like a 'willow haze' and the name stuck.

Shirley and her husband lived in Paparoa (Southern Northland) for a number of years and they had a lawn mowing contracting business that had them mowing for the Kaipara District Council.

One day on their travels around they saw these small cattle in a paddock and boldly went in and asked about them. They were Dexters and even though they didn't own any land, Shirley was keen at some stage to buy some of her own Dexters.

They moved to their own two hectare block at Pongakawa about 16kms east of Te Puke about six years ago. Soon after their arrival Shirley visited the Dexter Stand Heather and I had at the Te Puke Show and she was again impressed with the Dexters that were on display.





It wasn't long after this that she purchased a Grade 1 heifer calf called Rose, that she reared and this was the foundation animal of the Willow Haze Stud. She has bought a number of animals since and has also got into showing some of her animals.



This is her third year in the show ring and a highlight this year was winning the best presented Dexter at the Tauranga Show. Her parents had a Jersey Stud in Maungatapere and Shirley helped show these animals as a child plus had calves of her own for Calf Club. This was the start of her interest in showing.

In Shirley's words, 'I like the Dexters because they are small, easy to handle, quiet and load easily into our horse float. Our small property can get very wet

and the Dexters do minimal damage to our pastures....and of course they make good meat!!'

On their small property they have 6 cattle, 2 ducks, 4 guinea fowl, 1 sheep (that has twins each year for meat) and 17 chooks.

Shirely is a great proponent for the Dexter Breed, totally dedicated to caring for her animals and showing them in the best possible way. She took two of her animals to the local Federated Farmers Town meets Country day held just out of Tauranga in March. She and her animals just loved the day and talking to lots of people about the Dexter Breed. Well done Shirley!!

*-Keith Wratt*

**DCSNZ AGM June 12-13 2010  
Mosgiel, Otago**



## **ADVENTURES ON THE ROAD - Cherry Oak Style!**

We transport our Dexters to Shows in a double horse float. Early in the season we can fit seven in - one cow and two yearlings side-by-side across the float and four calves up the front. Later in the season, as the calves grow a bit, we can fit three of them in the front as well as the three older ones across.

We transported a lighter load (four Dexters in total -one cow, two yearlings and one calf) to the 2009 North Island Dexter Breed Show at Stratford in November.

Because we were travelling further than we normally do, Stan decided to put bigger tyres on the float, so bought four new tyres, which were duly fitted for him by the local garage.

We travelled to Stratford the day before the Show and stalled our Dexters overnight - all well and good. After a successful and enjoyable day at the Show we left on Sunday afternoon to head home to Hamilton.

As we cruised downhill in the Gorge on the northern side of Awakino, Stan looked in the rear view mirror and commented: 'I wonder why the float's swaying like that....'

Suspecting a puncture, we coasted to the bottom of the hill and pulled into a conveniently located lay-by. Shock horror!!.....we couldn't believe our eyes. One wheel (fortunately there are two on each side) was totally missing and the suspension on that side of the float was dragging on the road!!

Stan drove across the highway to a bigger lay by on a side-road and backed the float against a pile of dirt so that he could unhitch it and drive back up the road to look for the wheel. A further inspection of the hub showed that the wheel bolts had totally sheered off and only the broken half of each was left wedged in the hub! Stan was not impressed, to say the least - remember this was a new tyre bought and fitted the previous week!!

I told Stan I'd wait with the float, so grabbed my handbag out of the ute (he asked me later why I'd done that - why I needed it - I couldn't really answer that except to say...'It's a girl thing....gotta have my handbag with me'!! He asked me if I thought I'd hit someone with it LOL!)

He took off up the road and left me 'holding the fort'. It was 4.45pm, on a Sunday afternoon, the sun going down in the Gorge, cars and trucks rumbling by on the State Highway and we were still about two hours from home, with a disabled horse float with our four prize Dexters on board.

After 30 minutes or so, Stan arrived back, without the wheel! It was nowhere to be found - I guess it bounced across the road and into the bush. Thank goodness it didn't hit on-coming traffic - that would have been a totally different story!!

Stan had gone back to the Awakino Garage which fortunately was still open at that hour of the day and where fortunately they had a packet of wheel studs.

The plan was to put the spare wheel (which was attached to the outside of the float) on, even though it was smaller, as Stan hadn't had that one replaced for the bigger size!! He explained to me it would still be ok, though, as the float has a floating suspension. PHEW!!!





Stan had taken the tool box out of the ute to load gear in for the show and he only had a hammer! Oh how he needed that tool box!!

He had to find some way of knocking the broken pieces out of the hub, so also bought a plug spanner, hoping to bash the end of it small enough to act as a punch. This wasn't entirely successful but he discovered there was an extra wheel stud in the bag he'd bought, so he used that as a punch.

Thanks goodness for 'kiwi ingenuity' and my husband's 'can-do' approach. I'm grateful that he's a 'fix-it' man otherwise we'd have truly been 'up the creek without a paddle', so to speak!!

We unloaded the Dexters and tied them to the outside of the float, like horses. Luckily they are all very quiet and obliged to the change of plan for a while.

Stan then jacked the float up and set to work, removing the hub and bashing the broken ends out, then hammering the new wheel studs in. This was quite a mission as they're made bigger than required so that they're a tight fit - a VERY tight fit!!

He used the tow-bar as his work bench and the echo of steel-on-steel could be heard echoing around the Awakino Gorge. Our yearling bull, Cherry Oak Fergus wasn't very happy about the ear-piercing banging, as he was tied closest to the noise. I'm sure he winced at every clang of the hammer!

After much bashing (and a bit of cussing!) Stan fitted the spare wheel, checked all the rest of the wheel nuts and found some VERY LOOSE - EEEK.....!!!

We loaded the Dexters back into the float and set off for Hamilton, where we arrived one hour later than planned.

As you can imagine, Stan had a few stern words to say to the garage staff when he went in the next day and showed them the float! He negotiated a new wheel and tyre, as they knew it could have been a much worse scenario!!

He tells me he now carries a full set of wheel studs in the ute and an extra spare wheel for the float and he won't be taking the tool box out in future..... -Betsy Smith



*Kate Becker in charge at the Tauranga Show. - Photo by Colin Read*



# ROTORUA SHOW REPORT

This show was held on Sunday 31st January on a very very wet day. They have very good facilities there and the judging was able to take place inside the shed where the animals are stalled. Marty Crafer was the Judge and he did an excellent job. Thanks to those who came, brought animals and supported the show.

Purebred Cow 3 yrs & over	1st	Cherry Oak Carmel	Betsy and Stan Smith
Purebred Heifer 2yrs	1st	Turoa Hollie	Heather and Keith Wratt
Best Uddered Cow	1st	Bellebrae Geneva	Megan Becker
Grade Heifer 2 yrs	1st	Bellebrae Geneva	Megan Becker
Purebred Yearling Heifer	1st	Turoa Ivey	Heather and Keith Wratt
	2nd	Spring Hill Donner	Shirley Spick
	3rd	Cherry Oak Fifi	Betsy and Stan Smith
Grade Yearling Heifer	1st	Bellebrae Holly	Megan Becker
Purebred Heifer Calf	1st	Cherry Oak Gretchen	Betsy and Stan Smith
	2nd	Turoa J1	Heather and Keith Wratt
	3rd	Cherry Oak George	Betsy and Stan Smith

## Champion Purebred Female

## Reserve Champion Female

Grade Calf /Steer	1st
	2nd

## Champion Grade Dexter

## Reserve Champion Grade

Novice Handler	
Open Handler	
Bull Calf	1st
Yearling Bull	1st
	2nd

## Champion Bull

## Reserve Champion Bull

## Supreme Champion Dexter

## Turoa Hollie

## Cherry Oak Carmel

Cherry Oak Griff	Shirley Spick
My Kai Lolite Imran	Megan Becker

## Bellebrae Holly

## Bellebrae Geneva

Shirley Spick	
Megan Becker	
Cherry Oak Granville	Betsy and Stan Smith
Cherry Oak Fergus	Betsy and Stan Smith
Turoa Igor	Heather and Keith Wratt

## Cherry Oak Granville

## Cherry Oak Fergus

## Cherry Oak Granville

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***Enjoy!!***



## MORRINSVILLE SHOW REPORT

This show was held on Saturday 6th March and had the smallest turnout for some years with only three exhibitors.

Bull Calf	1st	Charming Samson	Patsy Leek
	2nd	Cherry Oak Granville	Betsy and Stan Smith
	3rd	Charming Joseph	Patsy Leek
Heifer Calf	1st	Cherry Oak Gretchen	Betsy and Stan Smith
Yearling Heifer	1st	Cherry Oak Fifi	Betsy and Stan Smith
	2nd	Charming Angel	Patsy Leek
	3rd	Spring Hill Donner	Kathy Tapper
Yearling bull	1st	Cherry Oak Fergus	Betsy and Stan Smith
Heifer 2yrs	1st	Charming Dinky	Patsy Leek
Cow 3 yrs	1st	Cherry Oak Carmel	Betsy and Stan Smith
<b>Senior Champion</b>		<b>Cherry Oak Carmel</b>	
<b>Reserve Senior Champion</b>		<b>Charming Dinky</b>	
<b>Supreme Champion Dexter</b>		<b>Cherry Oak Carmel</b>	

## EASTER ROYAL SHOW REPORT

This show was held in Auckland over Easter weekend but there were only two exhibitors.

Cow 3 yrs	1st	Cherry Oak Carmel	Betsy and Stan Smith
Heifer 2 yrs	1st	Rakaunui Arahia	Rosalie Bakker
Yearling Heifer	1st	Rakaunui Reporoa	Rosalie Bakker
Heifer Calf	1st	Cherry Oak Gretchen	Betsy and Stan Smith
	2nd	Rakaunui Rata II	Rosalie Bakker
Champion Female		Cherry Oak Carmel	
Reserve Champion Female		Cherry Oak Getchen	
Yearling Bull	1st	Cherry Oak Fergus	Betsy and Stan Smith
Bull Calf	1st	Cherry Oak Granville	Betsy and Stan Smith
	2nd	Rakaunui Ararua	Rosalie Bakker
<b>Champion Male</b>		<b>Cherry Oak Fergus</b>	
<b>Reserve Champion Male</b>		<b>Cherry Oak Granville</b>	
<b>Supreme Champion Dexter</b>		<b>Cherry Oak Carmel</b>	

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## DEAR DR DEXTER



*The piece in the last dispatch about Public Liability got me thinking about who pays for damage caused by wandering stock. Do you have an answer for this question?*  
-Concerned

This question is a little outside my field of expertise but I sought some free advice and can answer it generally but in most situations you probably need to consult your lawyer for specific professional advice.

Very generally, owners of wandering stock will be liable for the damage they cause. This liability is subject to some specific laws which deal with wandering stock. The Impounding Act 1955 sets out the law relating to how and when wandering stock can be impounded. The Animal Law Reform Act 1989 defines negligence and sets out the law relating to liability for damage caused by wandering stock. You may like to check these out for more detail.

If stock are found wandering on a road, then the owner of the stock will be liable for any damage caused, (e.g. damage to a vehicle which hits the stock) if that owner has been negligent in allowing the stock to wander. In deciding whether the owner has been negligent the court will consider the common fencing practices in the area, practices taken in the area to prevent stock wandering and measures taken to warn road users that stock may be wandering.

Ultimately the courts will rule on these matters if the situation goes that far. Owners can face criminal prosecution if they fail to take adequate steps to secure stock knowing that it will endanger the life, safety or health of the public if the stock escapes.

As well as being good farm management practices and promoting friendly neighbourly relations, maintaining adequate boundary fences can prevent liability for the costs of damage caused by your stock. The best option is to take all possible measures to prevent your stock wandering. There are some horrific stories of road accidents caused by wandering stock and anything we can do to prevent that happening is certainly worthwhile on all fronts.

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# DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY

## New Zealand (Inc)

### 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### PROGRAMME

##### FRIDAY, 11 JUNE 2010 (evening)

Arrivals Check in. Evening meal at own cost at Nellie's Hotel Taieri if you wish. Meet around 6pm or when you are able.

##### SATURDAY, 12 JUNE 2010

**AGM in Saint Mary's Hall - across the road from the Regency Motel**

- 9.00 am Registrations
- 9.30 am AGM Commences
- 10.30 am Morning Tea – Complimentary
- 10.50 am AGM Continues
- 1.00 pm (ish) Lunch – Complimentary
- 2.00 pm Guest Speaker. Alan Chisholm, renowned cattle judge and breeder. Discuss with us the theory of animal assessment.
- 4.00 pm Free Time before Dinner  
Maybe time to view new website and look at herd registrar's processes for registrations and transfers.
- 6.00 pm Mosgiel Station Restaurant – AGM Dinner \$35 pp  
Guest Speaker Jan & Roy Johnston  
Mystery Bottle Auction  
Photo Competition winners announced

##### SUNDAY, 13 JUNE 2010

- 9.30 am Meet at Mosgiel Regency. Travel to Mr & Mrs Brian Thompson's place. Put into practice assessment theory from Saturday. We will appraise both Dexters and South Devons.
- Midday Lunch at Thompsons provided by Southern Dexter Group.
- 2.00 pm Speights Brewery Tour (90 mins) - \$18 pp Pay on the day.  
(*you need to book in on Registration form*)  
For those not into beer – there is an alternative of Sinclair Wetlands Wild life Refuge \$5 entry.  
Talk, video and walk – definitely for the hardy!
- Evening Meal together at own expense in Dunedin City

***Those who need to be picked up from, and returned to the Airport, please let us know, so we can be organised for you.***





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## MINUTES OF THE 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc.,

held at Quality Hotel Plymouth International, New Plymouth, 6 June 2009

### Council June 2008 - June 2009

President	Keith Wratt
Treasurer	Colin Read
Secretary	Robyn Snelgar
Herd Registry	Marti Winn
Membership	Maureen Pettersson
Research/Promotions	Steve Ring
Showing & Judging	Marion Corbett

### Life Members

Alec Meades	2004
Nancy Edge	2004
Ian MacDonald (the late)	2006
Peter Lucking	2007
Pat (the late) & Patsy Leek	2008
Keith Wratt	2008

Meeting opened at 10.30 with a very warm welcome by the President Keith Wratt.

Keith thanked Brian and Raewyn Rosser and the Taranaki group members for putting everything together for the AGM. Keith asked the members to enjoy themselves and please contribute to the discussions.

Keith handed over to Brian Rosser who welcomed everyone to the Taranaki region and also thanked the sponsors.

Keith announced Peter Lucking's resignation as Herd Registrar, and that the future of Herd Registry will be discussed later in the meeting.

Also talked about next years AGM venue, the breeders handbook, the meal tonight and printing error of meal prices in AGM booklet.



## **PRESENT:**

Keith Wratt, Robyn Snelgar, Colin Read, Maureen Pettersson, Marti Winn, Marion Corbett, Steve Ring, Steve Snelgar, Heather Wratt, Marion Read, Carol Ring, Nancy Edge, Geraldine MacDonald, Brian Rosser, Raewyn Rosser, Jan Callander, Laurie Callendar, Margaret Perry, Hilton Perry, Brenda Batchelar, Gordon Reid, Leela Read, Liz Jones, Bruce Jones, Inger Keymer, Stan Smith, Betsy Smith, Christine Sorensen, Dawn Miller, Barry Rowland, Jo-Anne Corlett, Raewyn Fredrickson, Peter Stark.

## **APOLOGIES:**

Marion Mangnall, Julia Eden, Stewart Eden, Ian Booth, C & P Bates, M Jacobson & Lynette Winters, John Fredrickson, Shirley Spick, Patsy Leek, Hillary & Albie Jane, Lance & Karen Managh, Desiree & Mike Avery, Murray Winn, Merrilees Rebbeck, Wayne Pettersson, Anne & Alec Meades, Peter & Merrial Lucking, Kath & J Aker, Garth & Jean Woodward, Dayle Flannagan, Phil & Kate Becker, Maggie & Peter Bentley, Hamish Ensor, Kevin & Carolyn Slade, Grant Keymer, W McCormick, T Charles, P & C Bates, S & R Holdaway, C Oliver, Angela & Mary Jones, Simon Stuckey, Derryn & Gary Robson, Annette & Eric Cairns, Don & Janice Viles, Rodney Cardo, Rachel Jones, Dave & Fransiska Falconer, Mark Tiffen, Marilyn Jeffrey, T & JM Noyes, Gwen & Vince, Maurice Tuckwell, Katrina Gascoine, Karl Jeffrey, R Knight & P Callow, Colin & Sandra Gibbs, Simon & Lisa Richardson, Dana Peterson & Jukes Ester, CH & EB Reeson, Leah Kilkelly, Peter Whitehouse, Brent Stinger, Fredrick J Logan, Stephan Singleton, Colin, Linda & Barry Bongard, S Turner, P Batchelar, Dave & Maggie Quinlan, Lucy Stafford, Dean & Rebecca O'Gilvie, David & Lynn Van der venter.

**THAT** the apologies be accepted

*Moved by Bruce Jones/ Liz Jones.....carried*

**THAT** amendments and spelling corrections to member names be made to 2008 AGM minutes

*Moved by Liz Jones/Heather Wratt.....carried*

## **MINUTES OF THE 2008 AGM:**

**THAT** the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as circulated held at The Airport Inn, Hamilton, May 31,2008 be accepted subject to corrections in some names being made.

*Moved by Nancy Edge/ Bruce Jones..... carried*

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Nancy Edge – have any regional workshops have occurred

Keith – workshops have been held in Tauranga, Waikato, Canterbury in the last 12 months.

Betsy Smith - The Waikato group had Auckland members attended and enjoyed it and wished there were more in Auckland.

Liz Jones - a meeting is held in their region just before show season starts

Maureen Pettersson – Can be hard to show in TB restricted areas.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Auditor confirming our 2008/09 financial reports

**THAT** correspondence be accepted

*Moved by Brenda Batchelar/ Maureen Pettersson.....carried*

## **REPORTS:**

### **President's Report**

It's been a very busy year and found it sometimes frustrating that he hasn't been able to put in the work he would have liked to.

Keith informed the members that this may be his last year as president.

**THAT** the President's report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

*Moved by Keith Wratt/ Marion Read.....carried unanimously*



### **Treasurer's Report**

Colin has been pleased with the financial situation of the society for the last 12 months. Colin explained a few changes from when Dispatch and printed and the report was printed.

Nancy Edge – queried bank fees and Colin gave explanation.

**THAT** the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

*Colin Read/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously*

Nancy Edge thanked Steve and Robyn Snelgar for the use of their home for council meetings. She also mentioned the saving this has for the society with no motel/hotel costs for face to face meetings.

Colin explained the 2009/2010 budget to the members.

Nancy Edge – queried Dial a Dexter/website expense in budget. Keith explained this.

Steve Ring – does this reflect increase in membership fees in pending remit.

Colin Read - It is not included in the budget.

Peter Stark – Queried the large difference in stationery cost in the last two years.

Colin Read - It is a guide based on last year's budget and actual figures.

Keith Wratt – suggested Colin investigate this further

Nancy Edge – February Dispatch costs has not been catered for in budget

**THAT** the budget as printed in the attached AGM booklet and explained be accepted

*Moved by Colin Read/ Nancy Edge.....carried*

Keith acknowledged Colin's hard work on Treasury and membership.

### **Membership Report**

Maureen introduced herself and explained which part of membership she takes care of.

20 new members since the end of March.

Gordon Read – How many members haven't renewed

Colin Read – 42 have not paid to date but the year does not end until the end of June.

Colin Read – explained he takes care of renewals and Maureen takes care of new members

Nancy Edge – Are there any records/graphs showing membership trends.

Maureen Pettersson – gave explanation.

Colin Read – talked about the requirements being asked of the council who also run farms and have jobs.

Nancy Edge – farm out spreadsheets/graphs work to someone with the know how to help with these records and to communicate this to the members.

**THAT** the Membership report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

*Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Brenda Batchelar.....carried unanimously*

### **Showing and Judging Report**

Marion Corbett introduced herself. She attended two shows in the South Island. Found it frustrating having Dexter's in beef sections. Queried a dual purpose class and but found it not feasible

Nancy Edge – explained the situation in show circuit and historical information on classing cattle

Marion Corbett – working on field days with showing workshops.

Betsy Smith – Talked about pending remit at Waikato A&P show for Cows older than 2 years have a nose ring. They voted against it at Waikato A&P meeting and it will be taken to RAS AGM.

Nancy Edge – local shows do not have to abide by RAS rules and they apply at Royal Shows but even then may not be enforced unless queried.

Geraldine MacDonald – OSH may become involved at some stage.

Betsy Smith – TB testing requirements at shows, cost involved and different Agriquality



regulations in certain regions in regard to TB status and testing.

Marti Winn – Are the nose rings referred to the clips or the rings

Brian Rosser – Nose clips are used for cows.

Heather Wratt – that Dexter breeders help on local A&P committees and get problems sorted out at this level rather than trying to sort it out on the ringside. A&P shows are generally glad to accept any help offered by locals.

Betsy Smith – Other judges not appreciating our breed. Judges be given a breed standard and info recommended at local A&P committee meetings

Liz Jones – Dexters in their area are in a Lifestyle Breeds class. This works very well.

Marion Corbett – talked about junior judging

Nancy Edge – talked about her experience at RAS judging school. She wrote to A&P shows and asked if they would use her as an associate judge. Very positive results and the experience gained was valuable at the RAS school.

Keith Wratt – the society will finance the judging school attendance.

Geraldine MacDonald – There are Junior judging classes at A&P Shows.

Keith Wratt – NIBS in Stratford Sunday 29 November 2009

**THAT** the Showing & Judging report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

*Moved by Marion Corbett/Nancy Edge.....carried unanimously*

### **Research and Development Report**

A quiet year, a few beef data sheets received. A2 milk can be tested for at Genemark for \$22.00.

Tenderness Gene is also able to be tested for.

Marion Read – tissue sample is better than a hair sample due to possible contamination in hairs samples.

Keith Wratt showed the applicators for tissue samples. Suggest regional groups have an applicator each to be shared. Ear tag applicator can be adapted. Can be sourced from Genemark.

Stan Smith – Current applicators are being changed so may pay to get the new one.

**THAT** the Research & Development report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

*Moved by Steve Ring/ Gordon Read.....carried unanimously*

### **Promotions Report**

Steve Ring – Steak of Origin, the society will pay the entry fee for any member intending to participate.

Nancy Edge – Importance of selection and feeding regime required for a good entry.

Steve Ring – some research is required to prepare for entries.

Core Flute signs on display. Society Logo and individual stud name printed on it.

\$25.00 each but the more ordered the better.

Colin Read – add DCSNZ added to sign.

Inger Keymer – Society name & logo on top of sign and stud name on bottom of sign.

Betsy Smith – post to regional group person for pick up

Steve Snelgar – signs out show local breeders location.

Transit NZ do not like signs on Main Highways.

General discussion on format and signage on roads requirements throughout the country.

Breeders Handbook and Brochures are to be updated and reprinted.

Steve Ring – asked for new suggestions for promoting the breed

Colin Read – push the environmentally friendly line. We need to spend more on promoting Dexters.

Raewyn Rosser – get them out in the public eye to be seen.

Marion Reid – base claims on hard data and fact, research is essential.



**THAT** the Promotions report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

*Moved by Steve Ring/.Marti Minn.....carried unanimously*

**Meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm for lunch**

**Reconvened at 1.15pm**

### **Area Groups**

Emails have been sent to group co-ordinators for suggestions and offer of help if required.

Liz Jones – Can a new current member list be sent to area group co-ordinators.

Maureen Pettersson – will attend to this.

Nancy Edge – suggest a space in membership renewals for updating email addresses.

Steve Ring – suggest a regional group for Gisborne is set up.

**THAT** the Area groups report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

*Moved by Marion Read/Maureen Patterson.....carried unanimously*

### **Dispatch Report**

One Dispatch had some pages missing. If you require a new one please let Keith know.

Marion Read – Indexed Dexter articles for past Dispatches will be collated for future reference in her research project.

**THAT** the Dispatch report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

*Moved by Keith Wratt/ Dawn Miller..... carried unanimously*

Gordon Read thanked Keith for his work on Dispatch

### **Herd Registry Report**

Marti talked about and acknowledged Peter Lucking's work as Herd Registrar over the years.

Please send green forms back when cattle are dead.

Marti is resigning from council this year as she does not have time but has enjoyed the last year.

Talked about the new hard copy Herd Book and some additions to it.

**THAT** the Herd Registrars report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

*Moved by Marti Winn/ Dawn Miller.....carried unanimously*

Maureen Pettersson suggested that all area group reps have a copy of the herd book.

Nancy Edge – suggested only printing new registrations rather than the complete herd book.

Discussions on how to better present the Herd Book.

Keith spoke to Performance Beef Breeders about taking on our herd registry work.

He explained how the structure of their system works.

Members discussed other options for processing registrations and the cost requirements.

**THAT** the incoming council form a sub committee to investigate a range of options for future Herd Registry.

*Moved by Laurie Callander/Dawn Miller.....carried, 1 abstained*

Heather Wratt commented that the integrity of the herd book be the most important aspect of all considerations.

### **NEW COUNCIL:**

No votes were necessary this year so the new council was announced.

<i>President</i>	Keith Wratt	(unopposed)
<i>Council</i>	Robyn Snelgar	(sitting)
	Maureen Petterson	(sitting)
	Marion Corbett	(sitting)
	Colin Read	(voted)
	Phil Becker	(voted)
	Kath Aker	(voted)



Complaints                      Hamish Ensor                      (unopposed – South Island)  
Officers                      Maggie Bentley                      (unopposed – North Island)

**THAT** the new Council, as named above, be accepted

*Moved by Nancy Edge /Steve Snelgar.....passed unanimously*

**THAT** the Hamish Ensor – South Island and Maggie Bentley – North island be accepted as complaints officers to the society

*Moved by Keith Wratt/ Anne Meade.....carried*

#### **REMITs**

**THAT** all membership fees increase by \$5.00 from June 2009 & other memberships increase in accordance with the regulations..... *Proposed by Council*

*Rationale:* This would be used to fund the entire cost of the AGM – AGM booklet, printing, postage, venue, morning tea, lunch, dinner.

This would encourage more members to attend AGM's as the only expense would be their own travel and accommodation.

The members decided to make the following change to this remit.

**THAT** the above remit is amended to read - **THAT** Full membership fees will be \$45.00, Joint membership will be \$67.50, Junior Membership \$15.00 without a Dispatch or \$30.00 with a Dispatch per year from June 30 2009.....*Proposed by council.....*

The above change was discussed and then withdrawn after lengthy discussion.

**THAT** The following amendment be made – **THAT** full membership fees increase by \$5.00 from June 2009 & other memberships increase in accordance with the regulations.....

*Heather Wratt/Leela Read - Carried Unanimously*

**THAT** full membership fees increase by \$5.00 from June 2009 & other memberships increase in accordance with the regulations..... *Heather Wratt/Leela Read*

*For – 28, Against - 57.....lost*

**THAT** transfer fees remain the same for the next year. ....*Proposed by council*

*Rationale* – The fees were increased last year so it is not needed. *Carried Unanimously*

**THAT** registration fees remain the same for the next year.....*Proposed by council*

There is no need to make the increase. *Carried Unanimously*

**THAT** a late fee of \$10.00 be paid by any membership renewal after 1 October .....  
*Proposed by Council*

*Rationale* – This is 3 months after the fee is due. This is an incentive to pay on time and avoid registration problems and lapsed member problems. It will help avoid unnecessary administration following up late payers,

*For – 80, Against – 4.....carried*

#### **CATTLE REGISTRATION Regulation 8.4 –**

**THAT** under special circumstances council may be able to register animals born to a lapsed or non-member once their membership is paid in full.....*Proposed by Council*

Conditions:

- a) That the animal can be parent verified.
- b) That the lapsed member pay all due and past membership fees.
- c) That new members pay membership in full to the beginning of the year of purchase of their stock.
- d) That this application be decided upon, case by case by the Council
- e) That if required DNA parent verification on all animals be done at the expense of the applicant.

*Rationale* - That this is a very grey area and very often forgotten about by new members and purchasers. If we don't change this regulation these members will buy other cattle, where this is allowed (at the discretion of that breeds Council). We will lose members who can't be bothered staying with a Society with such archaic rules, especially when we can



now get everything DNA verified.

The responsibility for this relies with council. For – 68, Against – 14.....*carried*

**REMITTS CLOSING DATE:**.....*Moved by Nancy Edge, Seconded by Tyna Charles*

**THAT** the annual closing date for remits be moved back from 1st February to 1st December.

*Rationale* - The current closing date limits opportunity to share opinions and information. Those attending the AGM have the major decision making power and are often the only ones to hear the full debate.

Receiving notification of remits with the May Dispatch eliminates opportunity to publish debate or opinion to all members before the AGM. Prior commitments can result in poor attendance if Area Group meetings called at short notice to discuss remits.

A 1st December closing date would (1) allow remits to be published in February Dispatch, (2) allow more time to call Area Group meetings to discuss them, and (3) provide opportunity for member opinion to be circulated via May Dispatch.

We believe this change is vital to the promotion of healthy debate and the sharing of knowledge and will lead to better-informed decisions.

*For – 82, Against – 1.....carried*

**IN HOUSE PARENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM:** .....*Moved by Nancy Edge, Seconded by Tyna Charles*

**THAT** from today's date, the Society terminates use of the current in-house parent verification system.

*Rationale* - There is no provision within our regulations to recognise such a system. Members have not been informed how it functions and the criteria for a pass or fail result. Members are unaware of any policy or guidelines governing its use or the procedure for handling a failed result. *For – 9, Against – 35.....lost*

**IN HOUSE PARENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM:**..... *Moved by Nancy Edge, Seconded by Tyna Charles*

**THAT** whenever the in-house parent verification system identifies a doubtful result, the following procedure shall be applied -

- a) In the first instance, the Herd Registrar will refer the doubtful result to Council with a written report setting out all the facts.
- b) Council will examine the Herd Registrar's report to determine whether there is sufficient justification to request further information or tests under Regulation 8.7 and record their decision in Minutes.
- c) The Secretary will (on behalf of Council) contact the breeder in writing to outline the circumstances, communicate Council's concerns and request further information or tests.
- d) The breeder will provide the required information and/or test results to Council and inform Council of the cost.
- e) Council will consider the facts provided by the breeder, record their decision in Minutes, advise the breeder accordingly and if a test result confirms the information originally submitted by the breeder, the costs incurred by the breeder will be reimbursed by the Society.
- f) Council will provide written direction to the Herd Registrar on what action to take.

*Rationale* - A member's letter tabled at the last AGM drew attention to critical issues concerning the use of an in-house parent verification system. To date (1 March 2009) Council Minutes do not indicate that any of the concerns raised have been addressed.

Although the current system has identified some anomalies, actions based on it's results have also resulted in unwarranted false allegations and distress as no policy guidelines exist to govern the procedure for handling such matters.



DNA profiles provide a base for checking the identity of animals. They cannot be used to accurately identify parents or offspring without laboratory expertise.

Each profile records two allele readings for each marker gene – one from the sire and one from the dam. These readings are simply listed in two columns, lowest on the left, highest on the right, and do not indicate inheritance from either parent.

The in-house system identifies basic matches between profile readings of a sire and any recorded offspring. Only laboratory based full sire and dam verification can be guaranteed 99.9% accurate. *For – 27, Against - 22.....carried*

**SIRE VERIFICATION OF REGISTERED BULLS:** *Moved Nancy Edge, Seconded Tyna Charles*  
**THAT** from 1st June 2010, an official DNA profile with Sire verification certificate must be lodged with the DCSNZ Inc. for every bull registered on or after that date.

*Rationale* – Passing this remit would remove all need for any manual in-house system.*For – 77 , against 5 .....carried*

### **BREED UNIFORM:**

Breed uniform colour was discussed. Sample shirts were worn by council, and members discussed colour options.

A waistcoat over a shirt was discussed.

Marion Corbett brought a shirt that was a shade of green that most liked.

Council to further investigate further.

### **SNOWLINE TROPHY :**

Geraldine MacDonald presented the trophy to Cameron Walker. He was not at the meeting so Marion Corbett received the trophy on his behalf.

There were two other entries this year.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Marion Read talked about proposed research project by BOP Polytech. The research will be to see if Dexters are an economical & sustainable alternative to the more traditional cattle breeds for small holdings.

Thanks to Marion Read and Sue Barclay for their work on this project. A \$3000.00 grant has been given to help with this project.

Margaret Perry – queried on the future of the next World Congress. There is no progress to date.

Raewyn Rosser – AGM costs were discussed. Alternative arrangements to try to reduce costs. Billeting, shared meals and bring a plate options were suggested as an alternative arrangement.

Marion Corbett - talked about disadvantages of the suggestions through geography and distance.

General discussion amongst all members on options for AGM requirements.

Margaret Perry – Suggested selling business cards sized adverts in the Dispatch

Inger Keymer – suggested the Dispatch electronically. Members were asked to show hands, two agreed.

Nancy Edge – talked about setting up a chat room for members. Talked about timing of meetings in relation to Dispatch. Getting minutes out on time.

Inger Keymer – DCA chat room very good.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:**

Keith said that the members last year had not been handled correctly. It was not brought back to the AGM.

Nancy Edge suggested a criteria of at least 10 years service to the breed be a starting point for this criteria.

Special Services to Dexters award suggested by Liz Jones as an alternative.





Next AGM to be held at Dunedin.

Nancy moved a vote of thanks to Marti Winn for her work on council over the last year.

**Meeting closed 4.50 p.m.**

*Signed –*

President..... Date.....

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009/2010**

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The year has been a good, but very busy one. Special thanks to Rob Snelgar, Phil Becker, Colin Read, Maureen Pettersson, Marion Corbett, Steve Ring and Kath Aker who have made up the Council this year. We reluctantly accepted Kath Akers resignation late in 2009 due to health reasons. We wish her all the best. Thanks also to Maggie Bentley and Hamish Ensor for their joint role as complaints officers.

Council has met 3 times during the year. We all find our way to Auckland on a Saturday morning and are very grateful to Rob and Steve Snelgar who let us stay and have our meeting at their house near Ardmore – this is a considerable saving which we all appreciate. We meet through until Sunday afternoon and then head back home late on the Sunday. We spend time chatting about each portfolio area and make sure that all parts of the society are cared for and functioning well. Between these meetings we keep in touch with each other by email and make decisions that way when needed which are ratified at our face to face meetings.

The year started with some anxiousness as our long serving Herd Registrar – Peter Lucking, gave us 3 months notice that he was standing down from this very integral position in our society. Peter had been in this job for 8 years and he himself had developed most of the processes and systems that were in place for cattle registrations and transfers. This situation occupied my and councils thoughts for quite a few weeks as we worked through different options. I am still not sure whether Colin Read offered or he was asked, but after some serious talking and consideration, Colin was happy to take over the position of Herd Registrar from Peter. We as a society need to express to Colin and his wife Marion, our deepest thanks and appreciation for him taking this job on. He has slipped into the job just like a professional and while I know there were a few settling down issues at the start, he has done and is doing an excellent job.

We as a society also have a huge debt of gratitude we need to offer to Peter and his wife Merrial for their 8 years of voluntary service and many many hours of work as Herd Registrar. Thank you Merrial and Peter and we wish you well in your retirement!!

The process we have been through this year in supporting Colin into his new role as Registrar has shown up some changes that lies ahead for our society. For the 10 years the DCSNZ has been operating, we have relied entirely on Voluntary input by many different people over the years to keep the society functioning. It continues today with that same voluntary input but we have grown considerably as a society over those 10 years and now the time involvement for the Herd Registrar is almost more than what can be expected to be done on a volunteer basis. The role of membership and treasury possibly come into the same category. Whilst we do appreciate all the



volunteer hours many people down through the years have given to keep the society going, I think the time has come for us to consider together how we can best reimburse some of the voluntary hours done. This will bring changes for all members as fees will have to increase to pay for some of these hours that are at present done voluntarily. I am interested in your comments on this matter.

We now have an excellent website thanks to Phil Becker, Colin Read and website designer, Brad Harris who has family links to the Dexter Society but is not actually a member. The website is a work in progress so keep an eye on it as there will be changes and improvements over time.

We still have yet to finalize our Animal Assessment Form which has been in the melting pot for a couple of years now. We have the challenge in front of us as to how best we can promote Dexter Cattle and support each other as we continue to enjoy what brings us together – our love of Dexters.

I have enjoyed my year as President and am happy to offer myself for what will be my fourth and final year in this position. Council will be putting in place a vice president position on council to help in a new president for the 2011/2012 year. *-Keith Wratt*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2009/2010**

This is my first report to the membership as Treasurer of the Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated prior to the AGM in June.

Overall, I am very pleased to be able to report a good fiscal year. The Society has a strong positive cash flow. A full report will be provided at the AGM after the accounts have been reviewed by the auditor.

However, I can provide a snapshot now.

The Society was budgeted to produce a loss of -\$6,890 for this year and I am very happy to report that it made a surplus of \$5,511. Although this is \$125 less than last year, it is still a very good result. One cost that was budgeted for FY2009/10 was the development of the website. The development cost will be carried over to next year as it is due for payment now. I am very pleased to report that the Society has received excellent value for money for its new website and there are some exciting plans for future development to increase the value to the development of the breed and for members.

Membership subscriptions were slightly up on last year. The big saving was that we didn't re-print the Breeders Handbook but that will be done in the 2010 /2011 year.

Overall the membership function produced a surplus of \$5,413 against a budgeted of \$1,150. I would like to extend my thanks to Maureen whose due diligence at keeping on top of membership renewals and collecting new members subscriptions is vital to the financial security of the Society.

The Dispatch costs have increased from last year by 38% but were below 1% below budget. Whilst the Dexter Dispatch is a high cost to the Society it is a key document and is the one method of communication to all members that highlights what is going



on and provides a range of articles and other sources of information. It is a valued and valuable publication that provides a consistent link across the country on current issues affecting the Dexter Society.

The Cattle Function has also had a good year, producing a surplus of \$4,565 (20% up on last year) against a budget of -\$950. A proportion of this can be attributed to the deferred payment of the new website. But the key reason was the strong cost control on promotion expense. It is very important that we promote Dexter Cattle and the Society. I believe that this needs to be actioned in a focused way and with clear objectives. Next year we will be looking to invest in promotions to raise the awareness of Dexter Cattle across New Zealand, but will be doing this with a clear focus of realisable benefits.

Like the membership, Herd Registry is a supporting pillar for our Society. It provides the Society with credibility and a strong reason to breed Dexter cattle and the corresponding value of the breed. The work conducted by the Herd Registrar is fundamental to the Society to ensure that cattle are appropriately graded and the national stock of Dexter cattle are monitored effectively. The transfer and registration fees, as well as being an important source of income for the Society, ensure that breeders and buyers can be assured that the bloodlines of their cattle are true.

Administration costs for the Society were 35% below budget at -\$4,466, which was \$1,487 less than last year. AGM costs \$1,406 less than the previous year.

The Dexter Cattle Society starts the year with a healthy current account and with over \$24,000 on deposit. The Society has weathered the current poor fiscal climate well, with thanks to the efforts of my fellow Council members, and all the support from the membership around the country. We look forward to a new year and the continued growth of the Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc.

*- Phil Becker*



# MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS

for the year ended 31 March 2010

	2009/2010 Actual	2008/2009 Actual	2009/2010 Budget
<b><u>MEMBERSHIP</u></b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Subscription Renewals	15,065.00	14,545.00	\$13,500.00
New Members	3,109.96	3,180.00	\$3,500.00
Donations	328.85	89.35	\$100.00
	18,503.81	17,814.35	\$17,100.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Handbook - Breeders			\$2,500.00
Postage	200.00	350.00	\$400.00
Printing, Stationery and Tolls	493.12	436.17	\$650.00
RAS Affiliation/Delegate Fees	1,211.78	1,063.59	\$1,100.00
Misc Expenses		242.76	\$350.00
Telephone and Tolls			\$100.00
	1,904.90	2,092.52	\$5,100.00
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$16,598.91</b>	<b>\$15,721.83</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
<b><u>DISPATCH</u></b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Display Advertising	550.00	545.00	\$1,000.00
	550.00	545.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Postage and Stationery	890.30	1,691.98	\$2,000.00
Printing	10,754.37	6,788.24	\$9,800.00
Telephone and Tolls	91.00		\$50.00
	11,735.67	8,480.22	\$11,850.00
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$11,185.67)</b>	<b>(\$7,935.22)</b>	<b>-\$10,850.00</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS</b>			
<b>Overall Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$5,413.24</b>	<b>\$7,786.61</b>	<b>\$1,150.00</b>



# CATTLE FUNCTIONS

for the year ended 31 March 2010

	2009/2010 Actual	2008/2009 Actual	2009/2010 Budget
<b><u>HERD REGISTRY</u></b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Registration Fees	4,755.00	5,504.00	\$5,500.00
Transfer Fees	5,732.50	5,811.00	\$5,000.00
Brass Tags	13.00	20.00	\$50.00
	10,500.50	11,335.00	\$10,550.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Brass Tags	346.74	299.59	\$300.00
General Expenses	842.93	45.70	\$100.00
Postage, Stationery and Phone	510.45	882.50	\$1,600.00
Printing			\$100.00
Regn Certificates/DNA Tests		26.00	\$250.00
	1,700.12	1,253.79	\$2,350.00
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$8,800.38</b>	<b>\$10,081.21</b>	<b>\$8,200.00</b>
<b><u>HERD BOOKS</u></b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Master Herd Book	315.00	345.00	\$400.00
Herd Book CD's	250.00	440.00	\$400.00
	565.00	785.00	\$800.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Printing - Master Herd Book	633.70	492.73	\$500.00
Production - Herd Book CD		75.92	\$150.00
	633.70	568.65	\$650.00
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$68.70)</b>	<b>\$216.35</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b><u>BREED PROMOTIONS/SHOWING, JUDGING</u></b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Merchandise	409.50		\$500.00
	409.50		\$500.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advertising	3,430.07	1,771.92	\$3,500.00
Banners, Trophies, Badges	87.53	2,717.73	\$1,000.00
Brochure/Promotional Flyers		348.75	\$1,000.00
Dial A Dexter/Website	101.14	176.50	\$1,500.00
Merchandise Purchased(Incl Books & Videos)	678.92	634.50	\$1,600.00
Cost of Merchandise sold	278.89		
Postage		181.02	\$200.00
Show Costs		664.27	\$1,000.00
	4,576.55	6,494.69	\$9,800.00
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$4,167.05)</b>	<b>(\$6,494.69)</b>	<b>-\$9,300.00</b>
<b>CATTLE FUNCTIONS</b>			
<b>Overall Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$4,564.63</b>	<b>\$3,802.87</b>	<b>-\$950.00</b>



# ADMINISTRATION

for the year ended 31 March 2010

	2009/2010 Actual	2008/2009 Actual	2009/2010 Budget
<b><u>TREASURY</u></b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Misc. Recoveries (Postage, Freight etc.)		40.00	
Interest Received	1,390.15	1,411.11	\$900.00
	1,390.15	1,451.11	\$900.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Accountancy Fees	200.00	200.00	\$200.00
Bank Charges	55.00	92.50	\$50.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage	325.60	210.02	\$100.00
	580.60	502.52	\$350.00
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$809.55</b>	<b>\$948.59</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>
<b><u>COUNCIL</u></b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>			
Animal Assessment Scheme			\$550.00
Meeting Expenses	897.58	1,312.80	\$1,500.00
Telephone and Tolls			\$100.00
Travel Expenses	3,311.61	3,115.30	\$3,500.00
	4,209.19	4,428.10	\$5,650.00
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$4,209.19)</b>	<b>(\$4,428.10)</b>	<b>-\$5,650.00</b>
<b><u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u></b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Dinner	1,295.00	1,800.00	\$2,100.00
Raffle and Sponsorship	280.00	702.00	\$150.00
	1,575.00	2,502.00	\$2,250.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Booklet	53.99	560.25	\$600.00
Printing and Stationery - Nomination Forms	25.00	66.40	\$100.00
Refreshments	143.00	4,018.72	\$3,000.00
Venue Costs and Speaker	2,419.75	330.00	\$540.00
	2,641.74	4,975.37	\$4,240.00
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,066.74)</b>	<b>(\$2,473.37)</b>	<b>-\$1,990.00</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
<b>Overall Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$4,466.38)</b>	<b>(\$5,952.88)</b>	<b>-\$7,090.00</b>



# BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 31 March 2010

## CURRENT ASSETS

	2009/2010	2008/2009
Bank Cheque Account	14,942.94	9,347.52
Term Deposit	24,724.39	24,500.00
Stock on Hand (at cost) - as at 28/2/10	1,131.01	1,409.90
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$40,798.34</b>	<b>\$35,257.42</b>

## NET ASSETS

Represented by:

## ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Opening Balance	\$35,257.42	\$29,620.82
Current year Surplus/Deficit	\$5,511.49	\$5,636.60

## CLOSING ACCUMULATED FUNDS

<b>\$40,798.34</b>	<b>\$35,257.42</b>
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## SUMMARY

Surplus / (Deficit) from -  
Membership Functions  
Cattle Functions  
Administration

**NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)**

2009/2010 Actual	2008/2009 Actual	2009/2010 Budget
5,413.24	7,786.61	1,150.00
4,564.63	3,802.87	-950.00
-4,466.38	-5,952.88	-7,090.00
<b>\$5,511.49</b>	<b>\$5,636.60</b>	<b>(\$6,890.00)</b>



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2009/2010

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The total New Members this year was 72, down from last year BUT we held on to more of our members than in previous years. This is very encouraging because these members are the backbone for the Society and it's great to know that we are up to # 849 and of these 428 are current members. I have great faith that the Dexter Society is heading in the right direction with its focus, what we want to achieve and it's going to be great to see what happens in the next few years.

My role this year has been extended to, everything to do with the memberships, from new memberships to your renewals. I thank all the members who paid their membership renewals before the 1st October 2009, this made my work so much easier. To the members that paid late, I thank those who included the extra \$10 (late payment fee – passed AGM 2009), to the others, I hate asking for more money – so please can you pay the 2010/2011 subscription on time?

As Membership secretary my job has been very rewarding, I love talking to people that are interested in joining the Society and helping them along their journey in to the land of Dexters. It's you as members and breeders that do the hard work by encouraging these new owners to join the Society – **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

The more members we have the stronger our Society will be. We have a great Society and with your support we can make it even more so. - Maureen Pettersson

## SHOWING & JUDGING REPORT 2009/2010

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As the Showing Season of 2009/10 closes, I wish to congratulate all Dexter Cattle Society members who entered and showed their cattle, and thank them on behalf of the remainder of our membership.

Your commitment and dedication is to be commended. Showing is a major part of promotion of our gorgeous cattle, and while it is not for all of us, we do acknowledge the effort you put in - time preparing, transporting, waiting around, costs, getting caught by weather, etc. Thank you.

The Royal Show at Christchurch came and went, with the Java Stud again taking home the honors. We had a modest promotional stand, with a few very genuine people calling in for a chat, heading home with brochures and contact names. These folk were given the stud names of members in their area, the reason being that there wasn't much point in Rangiora people having my address in South Otago! I do hope there was some follow-up. The passing nasty weather drove people into the relative shelter of the cattle sheds, resulting in some 'interesting' comments from our town cousins, who are more estranged from rural life than the previous generation.

I won't be attending the Christchurch Show this year, as I found going such a strain; I weaned my lambs early to get there, though I only had 25 last year. Three cows calved while we were away, and I have plans for them this coming year - fostering etc. We are sheep farmers first, and while it is good being there, talking Dexters, stewarding etc, it is someone else's turn.





Waimumu Fieldays are in our sights in Feb 2012!

North Island shows - the only results I've seen are those in the February Dispatch, so well done on the good turn-out, both of numbers and quality.

I hope to hear of Judging Schools through the RAS, but again it depends on numbers. We have to take advantage of these, and if the DCSNZ can support you to go, then please just ask.

There are two entries for the Snowline Trophy thus far, if you are eligible, then tally your points and get them to me pronto! Eligibility and points are in the February 2010 Dispatch no.67

My final comment is about judges around the country learning about Dexters. While it is noticeable that some are aware of Dexter Cattle attributes, there are judges who are also breeders of their own chosen variety, and boy does it show! Talk about one-eyed, completely refusing to see strengths in other breeds. I need to walk away from these people or.....

*-Marion Corbett*

## **PROMOTIONS REPORT 2009/2010**

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Well its been a reasonably busy year on the promotions front.

Firstly, the council decided on a way forward for the uniforms. Now I know some of you were a little less than happy that a definitive colour and style was not decided upon. But I believe that over the following show seasons, those people that do actually show will gravitate toward a certain colour that they find most practical and therefore by consensus a uniform will materialise. Considering the amount of time this topic took up at the previous two AGMs, I am surprised by the lack of interest there has been in the uniform.

Secondly, as far as I am aware no one has taken up the offer to send a Dexter to the Steak of Origin. For those new members, Council offered to pay for suitable Dexters to be entered into the competition. This was considered an ideal opportunity to promote the meat quality of the breed.

Thirdly, we have some new promotional gifts, some A3 stickers displaying the Dexter Society logo . These are ideal for going on your horse float, ute etc. Cost is \$22 each + P&P. We have also sourced some Thermal mugs in stainless steel finish or green , complete with the DCSNZ logo on the side. These will make ideal gifts or useful for early morning starts for those who are off to shows, resplendent in their uniforms.

*-Steve Ring*

## **RESEARCH REPORT 2009/2010**

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Here at the research dept. of the Dexter Society, the test tubes and Bunsen burners have, I'm afraid, been collecting dust. I have not received any beef data sheets. I also admit that I haven't come up with any great ideas for research, if you have any let me know!!

*-Steve Ring*



## **AREA GROUP REPORT 2009/2010**

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Due to Kath Aker resigning from council due to ill health, I volunteered to 'look' after this portfolio until the AGM. So I had a quick email round the Area Coordinators to ascertain what had been happening in their respective areas.

As previous years there seems to be a disparity between the groups with some areas having regular meetings whilst others not having anything happening at all. As can be seen from the Dexter Dispatch, the Mainland Group has a field day on a regular basis, each one having a different theme. Some areas have planned field days, but due to members being busy with everyday life these have had to be cancelled and I suppose this is one of the problems when trying to organise events

Council is looking at various initiatives to help the Area coordinators. One such idea is that we organise a National Dexter Day, with members around the country opening their doors/gates for the general public to have a look at their herds. This is something that has been done by the Alpaca and Highland societies, and would be a way of promoting our breed on a local level.

*-Steve Ring*

## **DISPATCH REPORT 2009/2010**

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This last year has been without incident for the Dexter Dispatch as I have endeavored to continue with the formula that meets with most members' approval.

I am hugely appreciative of the many members who contribute to each Dispatch through out the year. I am now in a situation that I have more material for most Dispatches than can fit in, so I can carry forward articles to the next issue which is always a great start.

Please keep it up. We are all interested in what each other is doing in the Dexter Department and the Dispatch is an easy way of telling others your story!!

A couple of problems need sorting with the dispatch.

Firstly - I always seem to be late with the dispatch and I apologize for that, but life for me is pretty busy and sometimes it takes an extra week or so for the Dispatch to become priority number one for me and I can find the time to get onto it. That probably won't change but I am conscious of deadlines and due dates that haunt me in my sleep!!!

Secondly - I am concerned (as is Phil) about the rising costs we are facing to produce the Dispatch. The layout, printing, collating and packaging is done by Dudfield Bryce Printers in Rotorua. They do a great job and are very easy to work with but I am concerned at the ever increasing costs. They say they are just passing on the increase in paper, ink and labor costs that they have to contend with and I guess that is true. I am assured by the printers that we get a good deal with them and we probably do but I wonder if there are other options. I am sure there are and I need to look into them.

I am always open to new ideas, suggestions and offers of help so do keep in touch with me and keep the articles and news rolling in!!

*- Keith Wratt*

# **HERD REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2009/2010**

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Herd registrations are well below those of last financial year with total registrations at 443 compared with 524 for the previous financial year. Transfers are similarly down showing a total of 287 for the year compared with 335 for last year.

## **Registration Issues**

The main registration issues facing us this past year have been:-

- Delays due to DNA profiling (Bulls).
- Late registrations.
- No Bull certificates.
- Registration Applications not signed.

Most of these issues have been mentioned by Peter Lucking in the past, but we must pay particular attention to tidying these issues up.

## **Transfers**

The main problems I have encountered with transfers have been:-

- Receiving Transfer Authorities without payment.
- Transfer Authorities not being signed or dated correctly.
- Purchaser's membership number not being shown.

It seems that a common practice is now that the vendor completes their part of the Transfer Authority and forwards it to the buyer to complete their details. Without proper instructions, the buyer is signing the form and forwarding it directly to the Herd Registrar with no cheque included.

As can be imagined this causes considerable delays and much correspondence to get sorted.

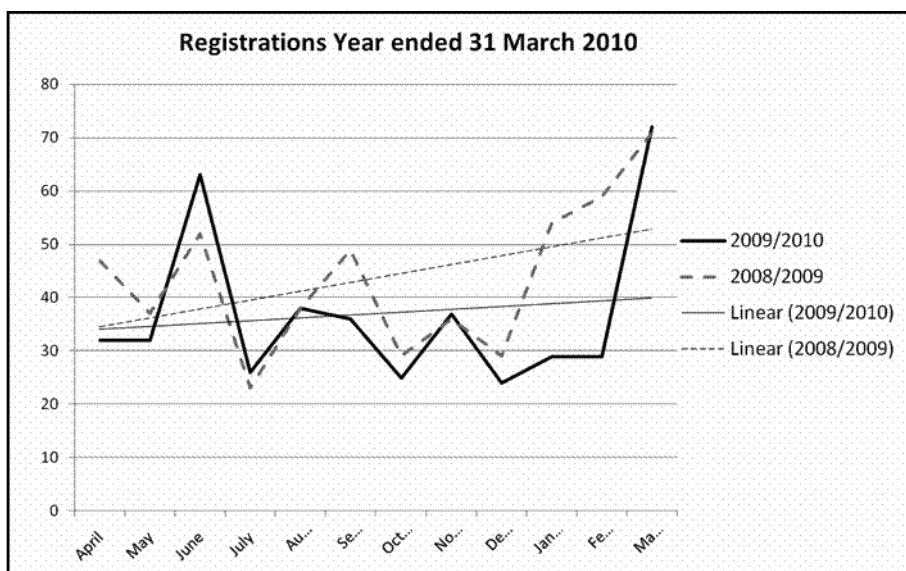
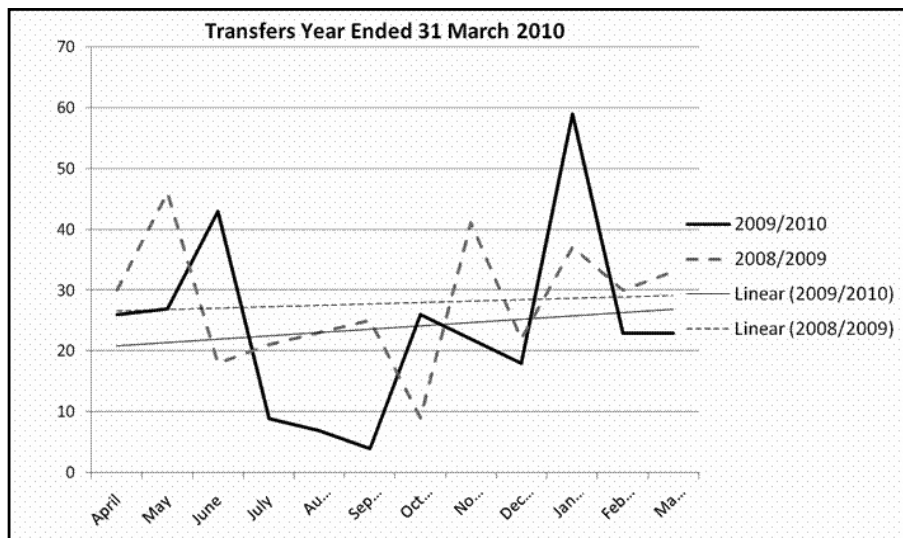
## **Selling Stock to Non Members**

A number of animals are now being sold on to non members. We all must be reminded that the procedure for transferring to non members is the same as for transferring to members. The transfer fee must also be paid by the vendor and accompany the Transfer Authority.

There is also a need for members to encourage non member buyers to become members and advise them of the drawbacks of buying registered cattle and not being members.

*-Colin Read*





## ELECTIONS

This year we have received 1 nomination for President, 6 Nominations for council and 2 nominations for Complaints Officers. Keith is elected unopposed to President. Maggie and Hamish are elected unopposed to the 2 positions we have for complaints officers. These positions will be ratified at the AGM.

Our regulations state that council is to be a maximum of 8. Colin and Phil are in the second year of their 2 year term and Keith is there as President.



***We have 6 nominations for the remaining 5 places on council so we will have a postal election. A voting form comes to you with this Dispatch and all members are encouraged to complete the voting form and mail it to Peter Lucking, the returning officer, by Tuesday 8th June. Any problems please contact Keith Wratt or Peter Lucking.***

**Keith Wratt - Member # 191 (Nominated for President - Elected unopposed)**

I live on a 50 acre grazing block ten minutes out of Te Puke with my wife Heather. We have about 30 Dexters that make up our Turoa Stud and a few other fattening cattle. We also have a Turoa Shropshire Sheep Stud – about 40 sheep that have a rare breed classification. We have 3 married children and 6 grandchildren. We own a green kiwifruit orchard that occupies most of my working time but have been dairying most of our lives. I have been on DCSNZ Council for 8 years and for most of that time I have been editor of the Dexter Dispatch. I have been president for 3 years and am happy to accept the nomination to continue for a further year. I enjoy being on council and interacting with other members but this will be my last year as president. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, collecting New Zealand Stamps, photography and spending time with friends and family.

**Robyn Snelgar – Member # 221 (Nominated for Council)**

My husband Steve and I have been Dexter Breeders since 1999. We started with 1 cow from Australia. Since then we have bred about 120 Dexters and currently have around 50 head of pure bred Dexters. We also breed pigs and a number of heritage breeds of chickens.

Personally I have been very involved in blood lines and the pedigree research of our herd. Although this has been on hold for a few years, I have been able to trace most of our herd back to around 1920 – 1930's. One day I will have time to finish this project.

We have been involved in the show circuit in the past for a few years. We enjoyed A & P Shows and meeting up with other breeders around the country at that time but other commitments have made us give it up for a while. We hope to return to showing our Dexters in the future.

I joined council in June 2003 and so have spent 7 years hopefully making a positive contribution to the breed and our society. For the last 3 years I have been the DCSNZ secretary which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I enjoy working with our council and also interacting with the members.

I am happy to offer myself for another term.

**Marion Corbett – Member # 394 (Nominated for Council)**

Colin and I are sheep farmers in South Otago. Our family is grown and growing – we now have a son-in-law and a grand baby on the way!!

Our Dexter herd is growing too – 1 stud bull, 6 cows, 4 heifers, 3 bulls for sale. 6 steers and 2 others. They must earn their keep, so marketing and promotions is a priority for me. The Dexter cow can no longer be just a pet; they are commercial.

My first 2 year term on council has been challenging, learnt more about New Zealand geography, computing and had my patience tested. I know more about the diversity



of Dexters and their owners and that no one size fits all!! Listening, asking questions and consulting others are skills I offer for another term.

**Maureen Pettersson – Member # 369 (Nominated for Council)**

I have owned and bred Dexters since 2003 on a property Wayne and I own in Upper Hutt. For the past 2 years I have enjoyed taking on the portfolio of Membership Secretary on the Dexter Council. My time on council has been both exhilarating and interesting and I hope to continue improving my role if I am once again elected onto the new Dexter Council.

**Steve Ring – Member # 325 (Nominated for Council)**

My wife Carol and I have lived in Gisborne for the last 8 years where we have slowly been building up a herd of Dexters. During this time we have seen the numbers of Dexters in this local area increase dramatically. I have been on council for 2 years and have thoroughly enjoyed it. I am happy to accept this nomination for another term. I am also secretary of Tairāwhiti Organics which promotes organics within this region.

**Garth Woodward – Member # 704 (Nominated for Council)**

Recently retired, Jeanne and I live on a small holding South of Raglan on the North Island West Coast. Our interest in Dexters goes back 10+ years but we have only recently acquired stock. My interest lies in breed standards and the possibility of learning to judge these delightful animals in the show ring. I have appreciated the support and advice from other society members and look forward to giving back to the society in the future.

**Betsy Smith – Member # 329 (Nominated for Council)**

I acquired my first 4 Grade 1 Dexters in 1998 after researching the breed and deciding they were ideal for me. I live with my husband Stan on a 4 hectare block at Matangi near Hamilton. We also graze another 8 hectares around the district. Together we run 15 – 20 red, black and dun Purebred Dexters which form our Cherry Oak Stud. I have also run a small flock of Gotland Pelt Sheep since 1998 and have been a member of the Rare Breeds Society since then.

I love showing cattle, which Stan and I have done for the past 6 years attending up to 7 A & P shows a season. I am very keen to continue to promote the breed and continue encouraging others to share my passion for Dexters.

I work part time in Hamilton as a Secondary School Counsellor and in my spare time enjoy the gym, travelling, gardening, fishing and reading. I have 2 adult sons who live in Hamilton, 2 British Shorthair cats and 2 fluffy dogs which are great gardening companions.

**Maggie Bentley – Member # 55 (Nominated for Complaints Officer - Elected unopposed)**

I am happy to once again put my name forward for the North Island Complaints officer. Credit must go to the council as very few complaints have come to me in the past year. I enjoy my association with the Society as my involvement in Local Government leaves me little time to participate fully with the society, but my love of the Dexter and all the people I have come to know and treasure through the society, makes me reluctant not to have some involvement. I live on a small block with my husband Peter north ofRotorua and it would be my privilege to be re elected to this position.

**Hamish Ensor – Member # 30 (Nominated for Complaints Officer - Elected unopposed)**

Hamish and Belinda have spent most of their lives farming at Glenaan in the high country behind Methven but have now retired to a small property just out of Darfield.

Hamish is happy to continue with his role as complaints officer for another year.

## **REMITTS FOR 2010 AGM**

**REMIT 1. THAT Full Membership Fees increase by \$5 to \$45 and Joint Membership Fees increase by \$5 to \$60.**

*Rationale –This small increase will help meet the Society's ever increasing costs. Proposed by Council.*

**REMIT 2. THAT transfer fees remain the same for the next year.**

*Rationale –There is no need to make any change this year. Proposed by Council.*

**REMIT 3. THAT registration fees remain the same for the next year.**

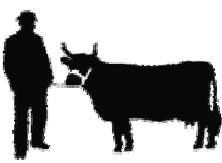
*Rationale –There is no need to make any change this year. Proposed by Council.*

**REMIT 4. THAT the height of each dexter should be noted and displayed before going into the judging ring and that the judge knows the breed standard with regards height.**

*Rationale: There is a breed standard with regards to height of Dexters. We feel that this is not being taken into account in the judging. By having the height of each yearling, and above aged cattle, displayed and given to the judge this should alleviate the problem of judges commenting on the smallness of some Dexters.*

*Option 1.*

*Below is a sample of a form that could be filled out For each show*

		<b>DCSNZ</b> Height Declaration Form	
		For _____ Show Dated _____	
Mature females should range between 96cm and 108cm when measured at the rump. Mature bulls should range in height between 100cm and 114cm when measured at the rump. - NZDBA Breeders Handbook			
<b>Animal's Name</b>	<b>Show number</b>	<b>Class entered</b>	<b>Height</b>

*Option 2.*

*Place a sticker on the rump of the animals before they enter the show ring*

*Signed: Karen Managh. Seconded: Virginia Poland*



**REMIT 5. Exceptional grade 4 male Dexters. THAT grade four bull calves, considered by the breeder to be of exceptional conformation and quality can apply to Council for inspection with a view to being accepted into the registry as a G4 pure bred. It is carrying the same percentage of dexter blood as are G4 heifers.**

*Rationale: Difficulty experienced in searching for a breeding animal for specific needs, such as, colour, size, horned/poled and genetics narrows down your field of selection. You sometimes come across an outstanding G4 individual that under the present ruling is not acceptable. This individual is then lost to the breed because of the above rule as it stands. All other rules, DNA etc apply. Proposed: Shirley Spick. Seconded: Margaret Perry.*

## PHOTO COMPETITION

**During the AGM, we will be running a photo competition.**  
Entry is open to all financial members. Results will be announced  
at the AGM Dinner on Saturday evening and  
published in the August Dispatch.

Please be aware that all photographs become the property of the Society for its use  
and will not be returned to the entrants.

*The photo should be postcard size (6 x 4) and will be displayed on boards in the following categories:*

1. **Best Head Shot**
2. **Best Group of Dexter Cattle (more than one)**
3. **Best Single Dexter**
4. **Best Cow and Calf**
5. **Dexter Photo with the smartest/funniest caption**
6. **Series of four photos of the same animal. A full front view, a close-up head shot, a full side view and a full rear view.**  
**Judge as if at an A&P Show.**

**GENERAL:**

- Photos must be taken by the entrant and must be of Dexter Cattle.
  - All entrants to be current financial members of the Society.
  - Photos to be taken at any time prior to the closing date but may not have been entered in a previous DCSNZ competition.
  - The judges decision is final.
  - Cattle need not be the property of the entrant.
  - The Society reserves the right to publish any of the photos in the Dispatch or promotional material.
  - Digital photos to be made available to the Editor of the Dispatch upon request.
- NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**On the reverse, please record:**

1. **Your name and membership number**
2. **Class you are entering**
3. **Name of the animal and herd book number (if known)**
4. **Age of animal (approx)**

**Send photos by: 8 June 2010**  
**TO: DEXTER SOCIETY PHOTO COMPETITION**  
c/o Marion Corbett, 2344 State Highway 1, Taumata R.D., Clinton 9584

